

**Ranger-led Programs
April 2013**

**Frozen Head State Park and Natural Area
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation**

Saturday, April 13

45th Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage. Since 1968 people have been coming to these mountains to enjoy the amazing wildflower displays. Hundreds of plant species live in the forested mountains of the park and many of the showiest are blooming in the next few weeks. We invite you to join us as we take to the trails to explore this beautiful diversity of flowers.

Wildflower Hike

10:00 AM at Visitor Center

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2:00 PM Meet at Visitor Center

Local educator and wildflower expert Kris Light will lead this walk and share her humor and knowledge of wildflowers.

Sunday, April 14

Natural Areas Week. The Tennessee Natural Areas Act was passed 41 years ago, in May 1971, when the General Assembly passed and Governor Winfield Dunn signed the Tennessee Natural Areas Preservation Act. Tennessee now has 82 designated state natural areas totaling more than 120,000 acres where rare, endangered or unique plant and animal species are protected for future generations. There are more than 50 events scheduled to celebrate Tennessee State Natural Areas Week from April 9 through April 15. Check <http://www.tn.gov/environment/na/events/seasonal.shtml> to find a Natural Areas Week event for your schedule

Wildflower Hike and Natural Areas Appreciation

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Friday, April 19

Night Sky

8:45 PM at Visitor Center

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On the World Wide Web:

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<https://www.facebook.com/FHSPNA>

Visitor Center Hours 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Sunday, April 21

Earth Day Wildflower Hike

2:00 PM at Visitor Center

Earth Day was proclaimed in 1970 to increase awareness of environmental protection. Join State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath to explore the diversity of wildflowers and their protected habitats of Frozen Head State Park.

Friday, April 26

Owl Prowl

8:30 PM Visitor Center

Join Ranger Hodge as we seek out the secretive owls that call Frozen Head home. We will take a short walk along the road to see if we can get the owls to respond to our calls.

Saturday, April 27

Bird Walk

2:00 PM Visitor Center

Join Ranger Hodge for an easy walk to see how many birds we can find. We will learn how to identify them and why state parks are so important for birds.

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